

I have in mind a particular Assistant Engineer viz., Assistant Engineer, MSEB., Humnabad, who thinks that he is a king-maker. He feels that he was instrumental for the efforts towards success of the ruling party during elections and that he is helping it, and that nobody can check him. He thinks that there are people in the top to look to his interests ; therefore he is not amenable to reason, and not interested in carrying out the rural electrification schemes with sincerity, unless he is made to mend his ways and is brought under strict disciplinary control. Such tendency should not be allowed to develop ; it must be deprecated.

Coming back again to the implementation of the Karanjia Project Scheme, I request the hon. Minister to take it up as early as possible, during the course of this year itself. He must take into consideration the fact that no other Major Irrigation projects are there in Bidar District. Minor Irrigation Projects, small tanks at least may be taken up early to help the progress of this district. Coming to Channapandri Project, I learnt that it will take three or four years. There are no wells in villages of Chincholi Taluka. Hardly one or two wells are there and there is no possibility of lift irrigation. Whatever expenditure that is necessary must be provided and that Project must be completed within a year so that the agriculturists there may help to solve the food problem of our State to the extent of their capacity. I request the Hon. Minister to give first and foremost importance to irrigation projects rather than other projects. In order to reduce the cost, he should take care that in future he will not incur any expenditure on inauguration functions and see that such money, which is being spent on the inaugurations by Ministers will be spent in raising one or two feet of the project walls.

5.30 P.M.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from the office of the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore which states that Sri Vatal Nagaraj, M.L.A., who was arrested on 19-7-67 at 5 P.M. and was produced before the Additional First Class Magistrate, Bangalore City on 20-7-67 at 11-30 A.M. He was released on bail by the court on executing a self bond for a sum of Rs. 500 at 11-45 A.M. He is prosecuted for defying the prohibitory orders u/s 35 of the Mysore Police Act. The case stands posted to 21-8-67 in CC. No. 5849/67.

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have another announcement to make. Under sub-rule 3 of rule 196 of the Assembly Rules, I have appointed Dr. R. Nagan Goud as the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances.